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LETTER to a Gentleman, occasion'd by his sending a Pamphlet lately published, to his Friend.

SIR,

I Have read with Horror and Astonishment the infamous Libel your Servant left at my Lodgings, and it is with equal Grief and Indignation that I remember from whose Hand the traiterous Present came. Is it possible that a Man of your good Sense and Knowledge of the World should yield either Credit or Countenance to so wicked a Rhapsody, which brands the King's Administration with the most heinous Crimes, and yet produces not the slightest Proofs. Alas, Sir, if every Man's Fortune or Reputation depended upon what his Enemies said, who would be safe? Consider the Diversity of Men's Opinions in these our Days, consider the Impossibility of pleasing all, and then reflect upon the Equity of relying on a general Charge, a Charge gather'd from Hearsays, improv'd by every Man's Invention, and which not one of the sanguine Company to whom these Hints were given would undertake to make good.

It is true, that there have been great Clamours formerly about Prime Ministers, with Justice sometimes and sometimes not. But, Sir, I challenge you, with all your Counsellors, Politicians, and Orators about you, to shew that ever such an Outcry was just, and yet those who made it could not fix upon particular Facts. When the Lords pursued *Peter Gaveston* first to Banishment and then to Death, they did not do it upon Surmises; no, they charg'd him with Facts, and fix'd them upon him by full Proof. They did so in the Case of the *Spencers*, that of *Mortimer*, who tho' they perished by Violence, yet the Evidence of their Crimes leaves Posterity without Doubt of their having suffer'd justly. But, Sir, you know there are other Instances in our Chronicles of Persons worried under the Title of Prime Ministers, who were true Patriots, and deserv'd Statues from their Country instead of such ill Usage. All these, Sir, fell by general Accusations. Such were the Fate of *Humphrey the Good*, Duke of *Gloucester*, of *Thomas* Lord *Cromwell* in the Reign of *Henry* VIII. and of the Duke of *Somerset* in that of his Son. But we need not run so far back, *Clarendon* and *Danby* were ruined in the Reign of King *Charles* II. *Somers* and *Halifax* were torn from the Throne in the Days of King *William*; *Marlborough* and *Godolphin* in our own Times were turn'd out, to make Way for Men without Principles or Probity; who betray'd their Country when in Power, and have been undermining it ever since they were out.

You cannot certainly, Sir, believe it possible, that a great Man should for a Series of Years be guilty of Cruelty, Oppression, and the Dissipating of the Publick Treasure, without putting it in his Enemy's Power to produce a single Instance of any of these Crimes. If the Accusations your Pamphlet contains had a Grain of Truth in them, it would have consisted of a Chain of Facts instead of Rhetorical Flourishes, with which every School-boy knows how to adorn his Theme; and indeed most of the Pieces written by your great Wits retain either a Smack of the College or of the Counter; insomuch that the World is inclined to think they are the Product of Persons just coming into the World, and who consequently are unacquainted with Business; or of concerted Traders, who leave their Private Concerns at Sixes and Sevens, in hopes of perplexing those of the Publick.

If it were not so, to what end that Pathos, that Affectation of Passion, that Swelling of Periods, which appears in this last Bombast Piece. Your Orator surely forgot that he was speaking to *Englishmen*; and that according to the Rules of our Law, Accusers are to convince the Minds, and not to raise the Passions of those to whom they speak. I say he forgot this, or rather he never knew it. Having just laid down his *Cicero*, he set about an Invective; and being in the Service, or, which is all one, under the Influence of your Faction, he undertook with equal Justice and Humanity to word away an honest Man's Life and Fame. To this virtuous Purpose he rang'd his Figures, cull'd his Similies, heap'd his Metaphors, and assembled a vast Variety of sounding Epithets, which might have serv'd with equal Propriety in any other Cause, or against any other Man. Hopeful Employment! Happy for us that our old *Gothick* Constitution saves us from the Mischiefs done in *Greece* and *Rome* by Eloquence misapplied.

Your Scripture Paragraphs too are wonderfully well chosen. This could not be to please your Popish Friends, for they never hear the Word of God but in *Latin*, and as to the Dissenters, they are too wise a Set of People to herd amongst you. I suspect therefore the Pamphlet came from the Chaplain of your Club, and that he put in every Text he could call to Mind; but what do they signify, but only to shew that those seldom *fear God* who do not *honour the King*. We are not to be taught at this time of Day, that the Bible is no safer than the Statutes; the latter are at every Barettor's Fingers Ends, and the former supplies the Hypocrite and the Atheist with misconstructed Authorities. But, Sir, shew me either Statute or Scripture which says, that you shall condemn without Evidence, and have no Pity on the Man whom ye hate without Reason. Your Divinity, I find, is of the same Stamp with your Law, and all you aim at is to cheat weak People with a Shew of both. Excellent Contrivance, and critically timed. I warrant you this *Hugh Peters junior* of your's is a very clever Fellow, and could, upon Occasion, prove Killing no Murder.

You see, Sir, how willing I am to suppose the Whole of this dangerous Libel a Fiction. I must own it is hard to think it otherwise. A Man must offer Violence to his Understanding, who believes that a large Assembly of Persons of Figure and Fortune could sit tamely and hear such a Declamation. What, listen to one who told them, our Business is to hunt a Man to Death and Destruction; but first let us enquire and look narrowly in order to find a Pretence for it. Was then this Resolution taken without a Why or a Wherefore? Are ye yet to find Reasons for what you have been so long a doing? With what Justice, and yet with what Impiety do you say, *It is necessary that one Man should die for the People*? Rest here, this is all the Impeachment you can ever bring; alter the Phrase a little and it will do: Let it run thus, *It is expedient one Man should die to gratify the Faction*. But you must give good Security that you will stop there, for otherwise how shall we know whose Turn will be next? This is a dead-doing Argument; and, for aught I see, neither Minister nor Man can stan before it. If these be your Hints, bless us, Good Lord, and save us from seeing such Patriots in Power!

To very many this strange Discourse will appear absolutely unaccountable; they will not be able to understand what it means, why it was published, or who will own it. For my part, a little Recollection has set me right in all these Particulars. You try'd your Strength as well as your Skill as to Facts last Year, and wisely resolv'd never to trust to them again. This certainly gave Rise to the Piece you sent me; it is thrown out to see how the People are dispos'd, and what Hopes may be had of stirring them to Rage and Madness; it is certainly the last Effort of disappointed and distracted Men, and those who do not see it in that Light must be touch'd in the Head as well as yourselves. What! a great People oppress'd, and no List of their Grievances fram'd! a whole Nation plunder'd, and not a Soul capable of proving that he has lost a Shilling! our Colonies given up to Spoil, without one legal Complaint! our Merchants ill treated, and so many Laws made for the Benefit of Trade! the Reputation of our State at the lowest Ebb, and publick Credit never so high! He must be an Infidel indeed who does not think a Ministry who can do all this, whatever you will please to call them.

Your Advocate seems to be in great Pain about your Unanimity; well he may, when he knows it is Rancour only that keeps you together. It is odd enough to see a Set of Whigs conspiring against Law and Liberty, and contending for arbitrary Power, because it is to be exercised by themselves. It is no less odd to see an Host of Tories embattled against the Crown, and vehemently defending Maxims which brought some of their Ancestors to the Block; these Events are new and strange, in former times they would have pass'd for Prodigies, and every Oracle must have been puzzled to know their Meaning. But Thanks be to Heaven, the Times are wiser; we know the Call that drew almost every one of the Patriots. This Man dislikes the whole Frame, that a Part only, and t'other was contented for a time till a Conceit of his own great Consequence got the better of his Conscience. Alas! you may twine and twist the stubborn Threads till your Hands and Heart ake, but whosever Anchor hangs to such a Cable will never ride in Safety, unless it be in a Mill-pond out of the Reach of Wind and Stream.

There is one thing more I ought to touch on before I conclude, and that is, the Illustrious Name that has been made so free with in this Libel on his Majesty's Government. But how little soever your Scribler knew his Duty, it becomes me to shew mine. To shew it, Sir, by my Sorrow and my Silence; my Heart bleeds when I see so high a Character prostituted to such Purposes. But it is of the same Cast with the rest; you have brought things to such a Pass, that no ordinary Invective would do, no common Strain of Calumny could be heard, and therefore your Scribe was compell'd to transgress all Bounds, to forget Decency and Respect, as well as Truth and Loyalty. But, Sir, Dear Sir, lay your Hand upon your Heart and say where will all this end: Is this the Close or the Beginning of your Resentment? or are we to expect better or worse things from you? Alas! what Good can we expect from such as set up their own Will for Law, and offer Clamour for Evidence? But we are defended by the Constitution and by Parliament; with these every honest Man will live and die, if Faction in its Fury should have Recourse to Methods even worse than these. Adieu. I can hardly say that I am still,

Your Friend and Servant,

N. L.

NEW ENGLAND.

Boston, Nov. 10. At a General Council held at the Council Chamber on Thursday last, his Excellency was pleased to nominate and appoint the Hon. Josiah Willard, Esq; to be Judge of the Probate of Wills, &c. for the County of Suffolk, and Andrew Belcher, Esq; to be Register of the said Court; after which the General Council was adjourn'd till Wednesday the 25th instant.

Last Lord's Day his Majesty's Ship Portland, Captain Hawke, sail'd hence in order to proceed to Barbados where she is station'd, and with her sail'd several Vessels bound to Foreign Ports, for the Benefit of a Convoy off the Coast.

Nov. 26. Last Week a Sloop from Carolina, Captain Hedges, loaden with Tar, run upon Cohasset Rocks, the Weather being dark and foggy; the Vessel and Cargo is entirely lost, but the Men with much Difficulty sav'd their Lives.

Last Thursday one of the Winnisimet Ferry-boats turn'd upon her Side in a sudden Gust of Wind, so as to fill with Water, whereby a French Gentleman newly arriv'd was drown'd; 'tis said he had a considerable Quantity of Gold about him: Four others that were on board held fast to the Boat, till the other Boat from the Shore came up and took them in.

We have Advice by Capt. King, who arriv'd last Lord's Day in 30 Days from Barbados, that the yellow Fever rages there violently, and carries off Abundance of People.

We hear vast Shoals of Mackrel have been lately seen off of Cape Cod; and that great Quantities of them have been taken and carried in by the Fishermen there.

We hear also, that last Week great Numbers of Porpoises and Black-fish being discover'd in the Bay, the Boats put out from divers Parts of the Cape, and having got out-side, drove them towards the Shore; and we hear 150 Porpoises and above 1000 Black-fish were kill'd, which 'tis suppos'd will yield above 2000 Barrels of Oil. This unexpected Success, so late in the Year, has put new Life into some who had spent all the former Season of the Year in Toil and Labour to little or no Purpose.

HOME PORTS.

Portsmouth, Jan. 13. Yesterday came into this Harbour his Majesty's Ships Royal George and Sandwich; and the Fly Sloop of War, Capt. Newton, to be clean'd.

Deal, Jan. 13. Wind S. W. The Men of War and outward-bound Ships remain as per last. Arrived the Don Carlos, Diggs, from Legborn, and the Industry, Curling, from Virginia.

Gravesend, Jan. 13. Pass'd by the Ranger, Lawson, and the Williams, Harrison, both from Maryland; the Hooper, Scot, from Lisbon; and the Britannia, Fones from Boston.

Arrived

At Dover, the Dove, Miller, from Ireland.

At St. Kitt's, the Black Joke, Wraitle, from Carolina.

LONDON, January 15.

The Court of Vienna has receiv'd Advice from the Marquis de Botta, its Minister at the Court of Russia, that the new Empress has given him the strongest Assurances that she will inviolably maintain the Treaties concluded between the two Courts.

His Portuguese Majesty's Ratification of his Treaty of Commerce with France is sent to Paris, from whence the French King's was forthwith expected at Lisbon.

On the 29th ult. dy'd at Berlin of the Gout in his Stomach, the Baron Casimir de Brakel, a Privy Councellor, a Knight of St. Andrew, and Plenipotentiary of Russia, the Affairs of which Court he had managed successively at Vienna, Copenhagen and Berlin, since the Year 1719; being

being a Gentleman of uncommon Abilities, and very much lamented, especially by the Poor, to whom he was very charitable.

The Count de Wartensleuen, who went to Hanover lately for Advice of their best Physicians, dy'd there the 26th ult. possess'd of one of the best Estates in Germany, which he held in Fee of the Families of Brandenbourg, Hanover, and Wolfembuttle. He has left no Male Issue, so that 'tis not known who will be his Heir.

The Right Hon. the House of Peers have adjourn'd to Tuesday next.

On Tuesday last the Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor held the first General Seal, at Lincoln's-Inn Hall; when a Commission pass'd the Great Seal to impower George Clarke, Esq; Governor of New York, Lewis Morris, Esq; Governor of New Jersey, and the Members of the Council in each Province, to determine the Differences between the Governor and Company of Connecticut, and the principal Sachims of the Mohegan Indians in the said Colony.

The Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor has appointed Mr. Haywood to be Usher of Lincoln's-Inn Hall, in the room of Mr. Chidley deceased.

On Wednesday last the Right Hon. the Earl of Middlesex (Son and Heir Apparent to his Grace the Duke of Dorset, Lord Steward of his Majesty's Household) was unanimously chosen Knight of the Shire for the County of Sussex, in the room of James Butler, Esq; deceased.

High Water this Day at London-Bridge.	Morning	05	16
	Evening	05	33

Bank Stock, 135 1-half to 3-8ths. India, 158 1-half. South Sea, 103 3-4ths. Old Annuity, 111 1-half. New ditto, 111 1-half. Three per Cent. 100. Seven per Cent. Loan, Nothing done. Five per Cent. ditto, Nothing done. Royal Assurance, 89 London Assurance, 11 1-8th. African, 10. India Bonds, 3 l. 17 s. Premium. Bank Circulation, 3 l. Premium. Salt Tallies, Par. English Copper, 3 l. 15 s. Welsh ditto, 15 s. Three 1-half per Cent. Exchequer Orders, Nothing done. Three per Cent. ditto, Nothing done. Million Bank, 113. Equivalent, 110 without the Dividend.

Admiralty-Office, January 6, 1741.

HIS *Majesty's Ship the* Princess Carolina, *which is fitting for the Sea at Plymouth, being now out of the Dock, and wanted on immediate Service; It is the Direction of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that the Men belonging to her, who are absent from their Duty, do immediately repair on board the said Ship, on pain of Loss of their Wages, and of being taken up and tried for Desertion. And their Lordships are pleased to let the said Men know, that they shall not be turned over into any other Ship; and that they shall be paid the Wages due to them to the 30th of June last, before they proceed to Sea.*

Tho. Corbett.

Admiralty Office, January 6, 1741.

MY *Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty having ordered the Petty Officers and Foremastmen of his Majesty's Ship the Sunderland to be removed into the Duke at Spithead; and the Petty Officers and Foremastmen of the Colchester to be removed into the Cambridge, at the same Place; and the Leave of Absence which has been given to the said Men being extended by their Lordships to Saturday the 16th Instant, it is their Lordships strict Directions, that the said Petty Officers and Foremastmen do then immediately repair to Spithead on board the Ships they are ordered to be removed into, on pain not only of losing their Wages, but of being apprehended, and tried as Deserters.*

If the said Men apply to the Navy Board, they will be allowed Conduct Money, and Carriage for their Chests and Bedding to Portsmouth; and they will be paid their Wages for the Sunderland and Colchester, and also Two Months Wages Advance, before the Ships they will serve in proceed to Sea.

Tho. Corbett.

Bank, June 1, 1741.

WHereas JOHN WAITE, *late one of the Cashiers of the* Bank of England, *about Forty Years of Age, and about Five Foot Eight Inches high, well set, round visag'd, small grey Eyes, very light Eye-brows and Eye-lashes, and of a most remarkable fresh Complection, absented himself on Wednesday the 13th of May last from his Duty at the Bank, and is supposed to have secreted, or taken away with him from the* Bank, *East-India Bonds, amounting to a considerable Value;*

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